

Russian Lovers' Shootout Inspired by Video Games, Says Senator

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Two lovestruck Russian teenagers who held a shootout with police before turning their guns on themselves were under the influence of violent video games, according to one Russian senator.

United Russia politician Yelena Mizulina blamed “digital violence” for pushing the children to arm themselves with guns.

The two 15-year-olds had streamed their confrontation with police live in the Russian city of Pskov on Monday evening. Speaking in the video, which was later posted to Instagram, the couple said that they had “zero options” as their parents wished to end their relationship. No police officers were harmed in the face-off.

Mizulina said that video games were likely to have had a “detrimental effect” on the children.

